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*This New Year Thou givest me,
Lord, I consecrate to Thee
With all its nights and days:
Fill my hand with service blest,
Fill my heart with holy rest,
And fill my life with praise.*

—FRANCES R. HAVERGAL.

Current Signs

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY
BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Super-Plant

One new aircraft plant is so large that visitors go sight-seeing in a motor scooter at twenty-five miles an hour.

America's Drink Bill

General Petain attributed the defeat of France to drink. Her consumption of alcohol was, at that time, the highest per capita of any nation in the world. Now America has taken the place of France at the head of the list. In our nation \$15,000,000,000 is being spent annually for liquor.

"A Million More Men"

Dr. Seale Harris, professor emeritus of medicine at the University of Alabama, says, "Except for strong drink, a million more men would be fit for armed service."

Prohibition Gains

In Kentucky Prohibitionists have lately won three more victories at the polls, which brings the total of dry wins to 70. Only one county has voted to remain wet.

Youthful Crime

"Clean up democracy at home," is what J. Edgar Hoover believes the American people should do. He has reminded the public that young people in the United States have accounted for 18 per cent more assaults; 22 per cent more gambling, and 30 per cent more drunkenness than during the same period last year.

He says: "It is not too late to correct this situation—moral responsibility too often is non-existent in the training of youth. While watching for threats to our democracy from abroad we must clean up democracy at home."

Disease Increases

Figures released today by the New York City department of health showed that in the high school age group, between 15 and 19 years, there has been a 30 per cent rise in reported cases of gonorrhea and 22 per cent in syphilis in the first ten months of 1942 as compared with cases in the corresponding period last year.

Occupation of Madagascar

The occupation of the French island of Madagascar by the British was completed only a few hours before the American

occupation of French North Africa began. It was Major General Sturges who effected a landing upon Madagascar. Of this operation one of his senior staff officers said: "Every detail of its planning and execution was *prayed over*."

Giving God the Glory

A British destroyer arrived at Malta recently after passing through some very grim experiences. As soon as the destroyer docked, the lower deck sent a message up to the captain, asking for the provision of a chaplain to conduct a service of thanksgiving and intercession. Their request was granted.

Great Britain Helps Missions

The British Government has voted the sum of \$2,500,000 to be given to various foreign mission agencies to make up the deficits that have arisen due to war conditions. Various organizations will share in this sum, and a part of the money is to be used for Scandinavian and even German missionaries who have been cut off from their home supply. No piece of news is more capable of high-lighting the immense difference in attitude toward Christianity of the two governments that are facing each other in the vast conflict.

Christians have every right to pray very definitely for the victory of the cause of Britain and the United States of America.

President and the Bible

President Roosevelt says: "The young must be taught, and they must be taught truly if the spring-waters of democracy are to be kept untainted. . . . The influence of the Scriptures in the very early days of our Republic is plainly revealed in the writing and thinking of the men who made the nation possible. . . . They found in the Scriptures that which shaped their course and determined their action."

America's Biggest Mistake

Murray D. Van Wagoner, Governor of Michigan, said recently: "American education at the outset correctly placed the first emphasis on religion. Later we got away from that, neglecting the most important part of education, the building of character. This was the biggest mistake America ever made."

A Great General

Before he finished his course in West Point, General MacArthur had read the Bible through from Genesis to Revelation six times.

Soldiers Choose the Bible

According to *Time*, a poll was conducted by the Department Store Economist to determine what Christmas gifts would be most acceptable among servicemen. One thousand men rated fifty-one potential gifts as "swell," "fair," or "junk," but "over 49 percent of the soldiers and 58 percent of the sailors rated Bibles swell."

Jungle Prayers

Official Army paper, *The Yank*, quotes the following from the diary of one of a group of ten Army fliers lost in the Caribbean jungle:

"The going gets tougher, the underbrush more dense, at each stop, Hazel reads from the Bible. Back in Mississippi, his folks are devout Methodists.

"At first we joke about it a little and kid him. Later on, we quit kidding him. We're in a tough spot, and all of us get a certain satisfaction from Hazel's Bible reading. I let go with more than one

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Go Forward!

By R. J. RENFROE

In front of them was the Red Sea, its waters gently lapping the shore. On either side were low-lying, forbidding hills—uncharted country. Behind them, and thundering down upon them, was Pharaoh and his host. It was a moment of crisis for the Israelites. They had struggled through the years of slavery.



R. J. Renfro

Courageously they had slain their lambs and applied the blood to the lintels and door-posts, they had sat with bated breath while the Death Angel passed over the land, taking his toll wherever the blood had not been applied. Calmly, through the wild panic of the stricken Egyptians on that awful night, they had gathered their goods and started on their journey to far Canaan.

Was all that in vain? Did they come here to the shores of this sea only to be slaughtered on these sands? What does Moses say?—"Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord..." And what is that rumbling, thunderous noise? Can the host of Pharaoh be upon them already? No—it is the voice of the Lord speaking unto Moses! "SPEAK UNTO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL THAT THEY GO FORWARD." Here are God's orders in the midst of crisis, "GO FORWARD."

In our own time, the world has been passing through a series of crises from Ethiopia, Barcelona, Munich, and Dunkirk, to Pearl Harbor, Tunis, and Bizerte, which events have precipitated crucial times among the present Israel of God, the Church. 1942 brought us mountainous problems, and the crux of it all has still not been reached.

What attitude, as a church, should we take toward this war? How far can we go in rendering unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and still render unto God the things that are God's? In projecting vast housing projects, unspiritual planners made no provision for church facilities and the spiritual welfare of the occupants. How are we going to reach them?

How are we to help those churches whose congregations have been decimated by the needed rush of workers to defense areas? Should we let them struggle along as best as we can—let them die by inches—or should some plan of at least curtailed activity be formulated to keep them in operating condition against the day when their sons and daughters shall again return?

What about us pastors who are left with a handful of people after we have been used to seeing a houseful? Shall we throw up our hands and declare the situation to be hopeless, and shut the doors? Or shall we realize that as long as there are people left in the community there is opportunity to work for Christ? Which vision grips us—the vision of souls, or the vision of the offering plate? True, a man must live, but shall man live by bread alone?

What about the people who move into defense areas and become so busy that they forget all about God? Shall we shrug our shoulders and let them become the victims of their own indifference and neglectfulness, and forget that, like our Lord, we are not come to be ministered unto, but to minister?

These are some of the problems that 1942 has left with us. We have thus far been "standing still." We have been casting about for the solution of these problems. We have been peering through the mist, trying to see "the Salvation of the Lord." We have "compassed this mountain long enough." As we enter this new year of 1943, let us listen to the voice of the Lord as He gives His orders for just such times as these, "Speak unto my people that they GO FORWARD." There is no place for turning back in the life of a Christian, not even for past blessings! Under the stress of crisis and transition, and because they could not visualize the future Canaan, the Israelites longed for the blessings of the past, but God said, "GO FORWARD."

Is the shine and glitter of gold and silver going to dim the vision of souls? In some areas, church coffers are rapidly filling up. Are we going to let a sense of ease envelop us, or will we be gripped by

the tremendous responsibility of stewardship?

As we obey and go forward in 1943, we will find the solution to our problems, just as surely as Israel's problems were solved by the parting of the waters, the striking of the rock, the quail in the evening, and manna in the morning.

We may have to alter some of our methods and procedures. We may find that we will have to materially help some churches and pastors, so that they may continue to serve their communities and keep their vision for souls untarnished. We may find that assistant pastors will have to be called to assist in reaching the teeming thousands that are concentrated in defense areas; to work under the sponsorship of the regularly established churches in holding cottage meetings in those new communities without church facilities; to go "out in the highways and byways" for those hundreds of souls who have forgotten God in the midst of new activities.

Three little ships, pitching and tossing on the waves of the Atlantic were seeking a new land—an unknown land—a land that would solve the problems of that day. On the quarterdeck of the flagship stood a man of faith and vision. He had caught a gleam of knowledge from the All-Wise and was inspired by a vision of a new land. He was unmoved by the fears of an almost mutinous crew, for his faith was not alone in the arithmetical calculations of the navigator. His faith was in God above and his orders were "Sail On!"

Brethren, as we enter into this year of 1943, let us refuse to be hindered by the barnacles of fear and indecision, by the sea-moss of obstructive tradition, and let us go forward with God. Let us "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ." Let us GO FORWARD in the strength and might of His Spirit.

Another year for Jesus!

How can I wish for you
A greater joy or blessing,
O fellow-worker true?

News From Here and There

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ATWATER—The Lord is blessing the work there under the ministry of Pastor Albert Ogle. Instead of having weeknight meetings on Tuesday and Friday, they will have only Wednesday night services during gas rationing.

BLUE LAKE—The inauguration of a Home Department in the Sunday School has been a real blessing, and through this many are becoming interested who heretofore were not reached by the church. The W. M. C. is active in cottage meetings working, sewing, praying, and in Bible study. Sister Ida Stuart is the pastor.

CERES—Evangelist Roberts of New Mexico held a two weeks' meeting which was blessed of the Lord. Harry Oeth is the pastor.

BERKELEY—The Lord's blessing continues on the work in Berkeley with Pastor Eleanor Johnson. Dean T. J. Jones of G.T.B.I. spoke there Friday, December 4, and all enjoyed his ministry very much and were helped.

COVELO—In spite of bad weather, the fellowship meeting held there December 7 was well attended, and the blessing of the Lord was there, too. Pastor L. F. Wilson of Willits spoke in the afternoon service, and Pastor Homer Thompson of Boonville brought the evening message. Brother and Sister Thompson, new in the subdistrict, were welcomed at this fellowship meeting by all the neighboring assemblies, and the newlyweds were presented with a comforter for a Christmas present from the Covelo W.M.C.

The Assembly reports the continued blessing of the Lord on the work during the past year under the leadership of Pastor and Mrs. Marlenee. Several have been saved, and the attendance has kept up well though many members have moved away. The Sunday School is busy for the Lord, and it has been during the past year that the W.M.C. was organized and proved itself a real help to home missionaries and others.

ELKO, NEVADA—Pastor Bernard Tewell writes, "Brother and Sister C. V. Hummel recently made us a visit and held meetings from November 13 to 17, during which time we were greatly blessed. Visiting ministers are always welcome. Remember us in prayer as we are so far away from contact with others."

ELY, NEVADA—A special campaign for ten days was held from November 25 to December 6. It proved a profitable time for several were saved, and the Christians blessed. Sister Black and Pastor Geo. W. Kiser preached on alternate nights. Pastor Kiser is now able to devote full time to the ministry since the District C. A.s are sponsoring the work in Ely.

HAWTHORNE, NEVADA—Lots have been purchased, and now a building program has been launched to carry on the work there. Pastor and Mrs. Roy E. Denney are working

and praying much for the new work to continue progressing by the help of the Lord.

KERMAN—The Grace and Truth Tabernacle has enjoyed the blessings of God upon their work in a marked way. A number have been saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. Evangelistic meetings held by Brother and Sister R. B. Yunker, Burton Pierce and Brother and Sister Leonard Rogers, have helped to raise the spiritual tide and accomplished a work for eternity.

Recently a five-room house was purchased and moved next to the church and over a large basement. The garage is almost completed. Also new carpeting in the church is another recent improvement. Brother and Sister Clifford Catledge are pastors.

KLAMATH—The fellowship meeting held there December 7 was blessed to all who attended. Pastor Hurlless Teeters from Weitchpec was the afternoon speaker, Sister McKay from Crescent City spoke to the young people, and Brother Clau from Rohnerville brought the message in the evening service. The pastor is N. B. Ingram.

LINCOLN—Evangelist Howard E. May, who is laboring in the South Sacramento District brought the afternoon message at the Lincoln Fellowship Meeting December 14, where Sister Julia Peterson is pastor. Brother Mark Gaston, assistant pastor of Bethel Temple, Sacramento, brought the evening evangelistic message.

LODI reports the purchase of a new parsonage. Stanley McPherson is the pastor.

MODESTO (Bethel)—A new Sunday School basement addition has recently been completed giving the church 11 fine basement rooms and a young people's auditorium 28 by 40 feet. All these rooms have been carpeted with Wilton carpets.

The C. A.'s are holding street services with around 20 on the street singing and testifying each Sunday evening. Soldier boys from the large new Army Hospital are attending the church services, and some genuine conversions have resulted. Donald G. Weston is the pastor.

MODESTO (Assembly of God)—The fellowship meeting held in the church at Sixth and G Streets was a great success in attendance and blessing from the Lord. In spite of gas rationing a larger crowd attended than had attended for several months previous because of the busy fruit season. Dean T. J. Jones of G.T.B.I. was the speaker at both the afternoon and evening services. Brother Floyd Hawkins of Fresno, who was scheduled to speak was unable to be there. H. T. Langley is the pastor.

MORGAN HILL—Evangelist Robert Thomas held a very fine meeting with Pastor D. Q. Boyd recently.

NAPA—A very successful revival meeting

was held there by Evangelist Paul Pipkin from November 29 to December 13. Pastor Joseph Stark reports that a number were at the altar for salvation, and that there was a real drawing closer to God among all the believers, many being refreshed and refilled with the blessing of God.

OAKLAND (Bethany Chapel)—T. J. Jones, Dean of G. T. B. I., was guest speaker at both morning and evening services on December 6. The Hitchcock Sisters are the pastors.

PALO ALTO—Evangelist Arthur M. Otteson of Minneapolis, Minn., held a revival meeting for Pastor Claude O. Wood during December.

REDDING—Since December 13 Brother and Sister Richard Havner have been holding evangelistic meetings for Pastor R. T. Doherty. There has been good response. The meetings will continue until early in January.

RICHMOND—The Lord is blessing the church in Richmond. They are enjoying a large attendance and having good response at the altar services. The building has been much improved with new seats and carpets. The pastor is C. Ely Persing.

RIVERBANK—A very good revival meeting was held by Evangelist Maurice Contreras. During the two weeks meetings several were saved, and the members of the church were very much benefitted by a real stir and showers of blessing from the Lord. Douglas H. Cooksey is the pastor.

SALYER—Brother M. J. Cloud has left his work as pastor of Salyer and is now engaged in evangelistic work. He reports a good meeting at Canton, Oklahoma.

SAN JOSE (Upper Room Mission)—Evangelist Paul Pipkin was there in a four weeks campaign in November. One received the Baptism and some were saved. The pastor is Max Freimark.

SAN RAFAEL—The North Bay District fellowship meeting was held in San Rafael on December 21. Brother C. R. Tucker, pastor of the Fairfield church, brought the afternoon message. Brother Jack T. Opie, Sectional C. A. Chairman, had charge of the evening service.

SANTA ROSA—The Assembly of God Gospel Tabernacle is now conducting a radio program every Wednesday evening at 9:00 over Station KSRO, Santa Rosa, 1350 kc. The program is known as "Calvary's Messengers."

The assembly is steadily growing and the Lord is blessing. The Sunday School attendance record has recently been broken. A number have come into the fellowship, and the people are shouting the victory. M. P. Bohnet is the pastor.

ST. HELENA—Evangelist Maurice Contreras conducted revival services at the camp-

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This One Thing

by EVANGELIST JUNE GARRARD

"But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:13-14.)

Standing on the threshold of this another year, we need to seek the face of God for strength and Christian fortitude to carry on the good fight of faith in a world that is little less than a blazing inferno of death and destruction.

Never in the earth's history have the forces of sin so completely enveloped it. No corner of the globe is now untouched by the searing flames of this unimaginable holocaust. Mentally, morally, physically, and spiritually, men are suffering and dying. Human blood drenches the earth. Hearts and minds break beneath the shattering impact of daily occurrences. Souls go out into eternity without God.

Is there not a strong challenge to the true child of God at this crucial hour to live more earnestly, more completely, more *desperately* for Christ than ever before? Should there not be a time of deeper consecration, more entire separation unto Him? An hour of covenanting with the Lord to be absolutely *all out* for Christ?

"THIS ONE THING"—Nothing else taking precedence. No other aim, object, hope, or ambition, superseding my one purpose, to live unreservedly for my King. Forgetting all else and letting Him have ALL of myself for His blessed service.

"THIS ONE THING" means complete concentration on one definite objective—living, thinking, striving, hoping, pressing ALWAYS toward the ONE thing, every moment, every hour, every day! In the realm of daily life do we not see this exemplified in the lives of great specialists? They sacrifice everything to become proficient in the one profession they have chosen. It costs separation from family, friends, pleasures, and indulgences. It calls for ceaseless hours of study, research, dangerous experiments, perhaps days, months, and years of physical labor, and untold self-discipline; always with *this one thing* in mind, to be a great scientist, physician, inventor, phi-

losopher, historian, journalist, even to be a world champion athlete. Always they must be devoted, themselves and their efforts, to reach the prize, that seems to be the most precious thing obtainable in life.

Should not the child of God even more earnestly and anxiously seek to make the one thing of his life, the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus?

Day and night, at home or abroad, in poverty or plenty, in the roar of business life, or alone in some far off place, always he bears this in mind—"THIS ONE THING!" *This one thing* we should be living for, stretching every fibre of our being, that we may glorify Him. That we think, say, and do, only the things that exalt Him before a dying world; that we may be *perfect* in purpose to live to honor His name, our efforts must be to be like Him in the smallest, most insignificant, yea, and in the most trying, circumstance of the everyday grind of life.

For THIS ONE THING we, the children of the Lord, must gladly make sacrifices, endure hardships, bear separations, and toil even more faithfully than those who seek a goal in secular life.

With THIS ONE THING always before our faces we will live, love, strive, pray, and BELIEVE with heart, soul, and strength, gladly separating ourselves unto the glorious task of LIVING our high calling, and, if necessary, joyously dying for THIS ONE THING.

At the portals of this another year let us solemnly covenant with Him, saying in our souls "THIS ONE THING I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

WHICH ARE YOU?

It has been said that there are three kinds of people in the churches. The row-boat people who always need to be pushed or pulled or urged along; the sailboat people, who go only when there is a favorable wind and the steamboat people, who go along bravely and steadily whatever the wind or weather.

FAITHFUL PROMISES

(Isaiah 41:10)

NEW YEAR'S HYMN

Standing at the portal
Of the opening year,
Words of comfort meet us
Hushing every fear;
Spoken through the silence
By our Father's voice,
Tender, strong, and faithful,
Making us rejoice.
Onward then, and fear not,
Children of the day!
For His Word shall never,
Never pass away!

I, the Lord, am with thee,
Be thou not afraid!
I will help and strengthen,
Be thou not dismayed!
Yea, I will uphold thee
With my own right hand;
Thou art called and chosen
In my sight to stand.
Onward then, and fear not,
Children of the day!
For His Word shall never,
Never pass away!

For the year before us,
Oh, what rich supplies!
For the poor and needy
Living streams shall rise;
For the sad and sinful
Shall His grace abound;
For the faint and feeble
Perfect strength be found.
Onward then, and fear not,
Children of the day!
For His Word shall never,
Never pass away!

He will never fail us,
He will not forsake;
His eternal covenant
He will never break!
Resting on His promise,
What have we to fear?
God is all-sufficient
For the coming year.
Onward then, and fear not,
Children of the day!
For His Word shall never,
Never pass away.

—Frances R. Havergal.

FILIPINO CONVENTION

The blessing of the Lord was poured out upon our good Filipino brethren as they met in session during their recent convention in the Upper Room Mission in San Jose. The anointing of the Holy Spirit was present in every meeting, inspiring the speakers and edifying the listeners.

Some of the delegates traveled many miles to attend. They came from as far south as San Diego, and from as far north as Seattle, Washington. This group of consecrated Spirit-filled men are doing a splendid work of evangelizing their own people all along the Pacific coast. A number of them have returned to their native land, and were busily working for the Lord at the time of the Japanese invasion. Doubtless they are carrying on the work as much as conditions will permit.

District Superintendent R. J. Thurmond's ministry as the main speaker of the convention was blessed of the Lord, and greatly appreciated by the Filipino brethren, as was also the fellowship of the visiting American brethren who availed themselves of the opportunity to attend the meetings.

Brother E. C. Lagmay, president of the Filipino Assemblies of God, writes: "As we have already tasted in our hearts and in our ministry the sweet blessing of God in being with you since we have been affiliated in this godly fellowship of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, we have solemnly pledged ourselves before God, that we are going to be faithful, cooperative, and obedient to all of its laws and doctrines. And by His grace we are going to do the best we can to cooperate in all means with you in our work here in America, as well as in the Philippines."

THE MAN WHO PRAYS PUTS GOD INTO HIS WORK

"Study universal holiness of life. Your whole usefulness depends on this, for your sermons last but an hour or two. Your life preaches all the week. If Satan can only make a covetous minister, a lover of praise, of pleasure, of good eating, he has ruined your ministry. Give yourself to prayer, and get your texts, your thoughts, your words from God.

—Robert Murry McCheyne.

THE MINISTER IN HIS STUDY

Many things—too many—have I forgotten which were taught to me during my seminary days. One experience is indelible. It will not leave me. Gathered at the dinner tables on Beacon Hill with some of the members of my class, one of our professors was asked to speak to us on the subject, "The Minister in His Study." That which I remember rings in my soul today. Said he: "Young ministers, my first point in this brief after-dinner speech is this: Have a study." Then he asked: "Where shall that study be?" Answering, he said: "Let it be in the attic of the parsonage, and enter that attic-study through a small hole; put some planks over that hole; put your chair on those planks; sit down on that chair and study, study, study."

The saintly Jowett thought it his duty to be in his study at the same time the labouring men were passing by the doors of his manse on their way to their early morning work in shop and factory. Wesley thought that he should be out of bed at four o'clock in the morning, studying for an hour, and preaching at five. The daily schedule of the minister, if conscientiously kept, is more commanding and more demanding than that of the daily labourer, or the shop girl, or the doctor, or the farmer who faces the rising sun. A devoted father said to his minister-son: "Keep on your knees and your head in a book." A schedule like that pulls at the heart, tugs at the brain, seeks after the soul's depths. —Selected.

WHAT A FAMOUS MINISTER WROTE

"Don't seek a long life—Christ had a short one.

"Don't live in luxury—Christ lived and died poor.

"Don't live in pleasure—Christ pleased not Himself.

"Don't live for fame—Christ made Himself of no reputation.

"Don't live at ease—Christ suffered for you the shame, the scourge, and the cross.

"Don't lose your opportunity and inherit an eternity of shame and regrets hereafter."

—C. T. STUDD.

Never tolerate through sympathy with yourself or with others any practice that is not in keeping with a holy God.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Peru

In a letter from Luther and Minnie Perkins, Brother Perkins writes: "God is blessing in our midst and souls are being saved.

"We had a splendid service with our missionary evangelist, Brother Lester Sumrall, and a missionary party from Lima. A goodly number sought the Lord at the altar. Among them were two young aviators from Huancayo.

"Brother and Sister Doan, who came with us on the boat to Peru, are visiting us. Brother Doan was an aviator on a passenger plane flying from Cleveland, Ohio, to Detroit, Michigan, before they came to Peru to take up mission work. They may move to Huancayo and assist us in the Lord's work in this large needy valley. Brother Doan and I hope to get horses and to carry the gospel to these needy towns and villages in the high Andes.

"By the first of the year I will have read my Spanish Bible through seven times.

"A number have asked for water baptism which we hope to give them in the near future.

Daniel and Evelyn (Williams, children of the late Richard Williams) are doing splendid work in the Methodist Andino School.... We covet your prayers for them.... We believe God has His hand on these two children for the mission field....

"We thank you again for your prayers in holding up our hands in this benighted land. We covet your prayers."

JAPAN

According to the *Evangelical Christian*, a federation has been organized in Japan for a campaign to destroy Christian churches. This is the declaration that has been adopted. "Japan has its Emperor eternally succeeding to the ancestral throne and is a country of deities with a family system, based upon loyalty, filial piety and faith as bequeathed by the imperial ancestors. Christianity sets forth a heaven of illusions under the fair names of equality, freedom, and philanthropy, and it forces men to believe in Jesus Christ, bespeaking its policy of seeking world conquest. This would radically destroy the policy of Japan."

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SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

Beloved Co-workers:

Greetings in the Name of Him we love and serve.

I trust all of you had an enjoyable Christmas and the services and programs were a deep inspiration lifting hearts Godward as the message of the Christ Child was again retold during this season. May the birth of His life be your portion and inspiration as you enter the New Year of uncertainties here, but certainties of a better day through Jesus and the hope of His coming! Mrs. Thurmond and family join me in sincere best wishes for a prosperous spiritual year of ministry for 1943, and many thanks for the lovely cards from all.

Time did not permit to get a report in *Glad Tidings* last month but since October 13 it has been my good pleasure to attend the wedding of Brother Homer Thompson and Sister Pearl Bertch at Glad Tidings Temple and send them to Boonville as the new pastors. The Madera fellowship meeting was attended and a business meeting was held at Delhi affiliating the church with the Council. A visit was made to Middletown for Sunday morning and on to Gridley for the evening service and the fellowship meeting the next day, where the Lord blessed in a special way.

A trip was made to Portola relative to financing the loan on the church property there, then on to Alturas for a Sunday evening service and in the interest of their building program and use of the portable tabernacle.

I was glad to attend for one evening the missionary convention held at Bethel Tabernacle in Oakland. The missionary vision needs to be enlarged and I am glad for the annual efforts put forth by this church and its pastor, Brother R. H. Moon.

I enjoyed the C. A. Convention greatly in spite of being afflicted with a severe cold, and rejoice in the spiritual blessing on the convention and the good ministry of Pastor Floyd Hawkins of Fresno to our young people.

SCHEDULE OF FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

January 1 — Chico
January 4 — Eureka, Waterford
January 18 — Merced, Sebastopol
January 25 — Pacific Grove, Willows

I have been in several conferences recently with representatives of other denominations in the interest of work among the soldiers and the fast growing defense centers. Surely it is a challenge to the churches and ministers of God, but little seems to have been done about it so far. May we "lift up our eyes and look. The harvest is white."

A visit was made to the "Murray" meeting at Santa Rosa one evening where a good campaign was being held; also a visit was made to Boonville for a Sunday morning service with Brother and Sister Homer Thompson and we found them comfortably settled and doing a good work there.

A day of fellowship and a "mortgage burning service" was held at Delhi with great rejoicing in what the Lord had made possible in the clearing of the entire debt on this fine church. Gilroy, Soledad, Morgan Hill, San Jose Upper Room, and Watsonville were visited and another "mortgage burning service" was held at Morgan Hill where it was good to rejoice with the saints. The Hollister fellowship meeting was also a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

It was my privilege to attend the Filipino Assemblies of God Convention at the Upper Room Mission in San Jose and be their guest speaker. I praise the Lord for His good blessings and for the work of our Filipino brethren. Brother E. C. Lagmay, their president, and the other officers are doing a fine work in the interest of their people. May His continued blessing be upon them.

It was a joy to minister for four services at Paradise in the interest of the work there. Sister Ella Beare, the pastor, has

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MINUTE BOOK

The following names were omitted by mistake; please add them to the list of ministers in your District Minute Book:

Ordained:

Kirkpatrick, Wm. F., 1403 Griswold Ave., Modesto, Calif.

Licensed:

De la Cruz, Juan L., Monterey, Calif.

Exhorter:

Reynard, George W., 1547 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, Calif.

God cannot use a man who tries to argue with Him.

FOR THE NEW YEAR UNKNOWN

This I would like to be: Braver and bolder,
Just a bit wiser because I am older,
Just a bit kinder to those I may meet,
Just a bit manlier taking defeat;
This for the New Year my wish and my plea:

Lord, make a regular man out of me.

This I would like to be: Just a bit finer,
More of a smiler and less of a whiner,
Just a bit quicker to stretch out my hand
Helping another who's struggling to stand;
This is my prayer for the New Year to be:
Lord, make a regular man out of me.

This I would like to be: Just a bit truer,
Less of the wisher and more of the doer,
Broader and bigger, more willing to give,
Living and helping my neighbor to live;
This for the New Year my prayer and my plea:

Lord, make a regular man out of me.

We regret that this office was not notified of the death of Henry Harris, one of our licensed ministers. Brother Harris went to his reward on September 26, 1942, and was buried at Hynes, California. Although Brother Harris was a member of the Minister's Benevolent Fund no assessment will be made due to sufficient funds on hand for next call.

A Letter to Local C. A. Presidents

Dear Christ's Ambassadors:

Blessed be the Name of our Lord!!

We are glad for the opportunity of writing you again and laying before you some of the future plans for our District C. A. work. The Lord has graciously blessed the C. A. work in this district and the future appears "as bright as the promises of God!"

You will recall that at our annual convention in St. Helena last June, the Christ's Ambassadors, on the approval of the District Presbytery, voted to launch a C. A. sponsored Home Missionary project. After much prayerful discussion with the Home Missions Committee, and a final meeting with the C. A. Executive Committee at the recent convention at San Jose, it was felt that it would be the Lord's will to sponsor the Home Missionary work in Ely, Nevada.

There are fine possibilities in this work and community where Brother George Kiser is the pastor, and we feel that this young man will really merit our support

in this C. A. endeavor. At present the District has a portable tabernacle located in Ely, and a small group of faithful people make up the congregation. We felt it a step of faith to assume full financial support of Brother Kiser, thereby making it possible for him to devote his entire time to the ministry there, and with the aid of all of our prayers we believe that the Lord will establish a fine church in Ely for His glory.

As most of you already know, half of the offerings received from C. A. Rallies will go to the support of this C. A. Home Missionary endeavor. However, the rally offerings will not in themselves meet our obligation, and so **WE ARE APPEALING TO EVERY C. A. GROUP IN OUR DISTRICT WHETHER LARGE OR SMALL TO CONTRIBUTE AN OFFERING A MONTH TOWARD THE MAINTENANCE OF THIS WORK.** Naturally some groups may be able to do more than others, depending upon their size and

ability to give, but any consistent contribution, no matter how small, will greatly aid in our work together for the Lord. These offerings will be divided on the same basis as our rally offerings.

We count it a real privilege to work with you in this great C. A. enterprise, and we pray God's richest blessings upon you and your Christ's Ambassadors.

In Calvary's bonds,

Oliver L. Foth,

North. Calif.-Nevada C. A. Pres.

P. S. Send all offerings to:

Robert Carrington, Sec. Treas.

P. O. Box 702,

Nevada City, California.

SEPARATION FROM THE WORLD

A telegraph wire must be completely insulated before it can convey the electric communication. So we must be separated from the world before God's message to sinners can have free course through us.

—Pentecost



NORTHERN CALIF.-NEVADA SEMI ANNUAL CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS CONVENTION

SAN JOSE CALIF.

ambassadors

WM. ANDERSON, Vice-President, 726 E. 15th St. Oakland
O. Box 207, Nevada City, Calif.

THEY PRAYED

Luther prayed three hours a day.

David Brainard prayed eight days and had a revival among the Indians.

The early church prayed ten days and then . . . Pentecost.

Jesus prayed all night and spent forty days and nights in the wilderness in prayer.

Moses was in the mountain for forty days, and his face shone so that he wore the veil.

Moody prayed and he and the Institute were filled with the Spirit.

Muller prayed and he secured one million dollars enabling him to feed and clothe 2,000 orphans

William Booth prayed and we have the Salvation Army.

We need more praying. Pray without ceasing, said Paul.

—Selected.

Have your tools ready and God will find you work.

ATTENTION!

A number of inquiries have come to the C. A. Office concerning the proposed change in the *Christ's Ambassadors* age limits. This, with a proposal to make the C. A. movement national in scope, was presented to our youth leaders at the National Youth Conference in Springfield, and comes from the Executive Presbyters of our General Council. However definite action must be taken by the delegated representatives of the local groups at our Annual Convention in St. Helena before it becomes effective.

Some groups may be electing new officers at the beginning of the new year. Remember: **THE C. A. AGE LIMITS HAVE NOT BEEN CHANGED YET!** It will only cause confusion for local groups to change before action is taken at our convention since this will necessitate a revising of our district by-laws.

EARLY CONVERSIONS

Suppose that Paul had been converted at seventy instead of twenty-five. There would have been no Paul in history. There was a Matthew Henry because he was converted at eleven and not at seventy; a Dr. Watts because he was converted at nine and not at sixty; a Jonathan Edwards because he was converted at eight and not at eighty; a Richard Baxter

because he was converted at six and not at sixty.

How much more a soul is worth that has a lifetime of opportunity before it than the soul which has nothing! Lambs are of more worth than sheep in the realm of souls as well as in the market place.

—Selected.

What I used, I had
What I saved, I lost
What I gave, I kept.



L. FOTH PRESIDENT

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Studies in Revelation

By J. NARVER GORTNER

STUDY XXX

THE JUDGMENT OF THE GREAT CITY Chapter 18

Study the 50th and 51st chapter of Jeremiah. The Babylon of Jeremiah's day was a mighty city, the capital of the empire that was the most formidable foe of God's chosen people. Jeremiah knew that Jerusalem was destined to fall under the impact of Babylon's armies, that the destruction that was to be wrought would be a terrible destruction, and that all efforts to avert it would be futile. But he also knew that Babylon would fall, and that the fall would be climacteric and complete. He *knew* because the revelation had been made to him by God. The prophecies were written, under an anointing of the Spirit, before the events prophesied of came to pass; and at the time there seemed to be little likelihood, looking at things in the natural, that they would ever come to pass. But *they came to pass* in due time. Jerusalem fell as Jeremiah had foretold it would fall. And Babylon fell.

But those who read the chapters above referred to will see that the prophecy of the fall of Babylon has been fulfilled in part only. The prophecy has had a fulfillment, but it is to have a further, a fuller, and a final fulfillment. That fulfillment will come at the time of the end, and we read of it here in Revelation.

It seems quite likely that Babylon will be rebuilt. It is an interesting fact that the portion of the world where the ancient city of Babylon stood has in very recent days been attracting the attention of the world. Very important events have been taking place in that vicinity. It seems likely that at the time of the end the city, having been rebuilt, will become a great commercial center, perhaps the greatest in the world, and the utter destruction of the city will mark the collapse of business enterprise, the utter collapse of business enterprise, the utter breakdown of the industrial structure that man, under the leadership of the world's greatest human dictator, will have succeeded in erecting.

I. The Angel and His Cry

Verses 1-3

Many of the expositors believe that this angel is to be regarded as none other than

the Lord Jesus Himself, and this conclusion seems to be based largely upon the fact that we read here that "the earth was lightened with his glory." But whether he was the Lord Jesus Himself, or the angel Gabriel, or the Archangel Michael, matters not. That he was a divinely commissioned messenger of Jehovah we are assured. He is described as "another angel," as having "come down from heaven," and as "having great power." He was heard to announce the fall of Babylon; and in announcing its fall he announced the cause of its fall—"She has become the haunt of demons, and a dungeon of every foul spirit and every unclean and loathsome bird, for after drinking the wine of the passion of her immorality all the heathen have fallen; the kings of the earth have joined in her idolatry, and the traders of the earth have grown rich from her excessive luxury." (Smith-Goodspeed translation). It seems quite evident that Babylon, at the time of the end, will have become the industrial capital of the world and, at the same time, will have become the fountain head of international iniquity. Of course we understand that Babylon represents a system, and that the system thus represented is portrayed as the consort of Antichrist, but Babylon will doubtless be a *place* as well as a system. The New Jerusalem is doubtless a place as well as the bride of Christ.

II. The Voice Described as "Another Voice" and What It Said

Verses 4-20

This voice was not the voice of one who had "come down from heaven;" it was a "voice from heaven" (*ek tou ouranou*, lit., out of the heaven). It was from the same place that a voice came at the time our Lord was baptized by John the Baptist (Matt. 3:17). *That* voice was the voice of the Father. May we not conclude that, since *this* voice came from the same place and is described in the same manner, it too was the voice of God Himself? This conclusion is rendered doubly probable by the fact that the people of God are addressed as "My people." It is hardly likely that any person in heaven aside from God would use this language.

Mark the summons to come out of Babylon: "Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." By the people here spoken of we may understand any and all who at this stage in the coming crisis will be found to have refused to take the mark of the beast but who will in any way be connected or affiliated with the political and commercial system of the world. Or, as seems more likely to me, this summons should be regarded, not as a summons to those who shall be living at the time of the end, but rather as a summons to God's people in these days of the growing apostasy—days in which we live—to separate themselves from her. For, while this corrupt system, represented by Babylon, will exist in its final form at the time of the end, there can be no question about the fact that it exists today and from it the people of God are called upon to separate themselves.

Mark the statement in verse 5 concerning Babylon's sins. "Her sins have reached unto heaven" the meaning is that her cup of iniquity is now full; her sins cry for judgment. Whenever the sins of an individual, or nation, or a system, "reach unto heaven" the arm of God is stretched forth in judgment and divine wrath is poured out. Thus it was in the days of Noah, thus it was in the days of Sodom, and thus it will be at the time of the end.

Mark the fact that while the earth-dwellers are represented as "weeping and wailing" over the destruction of Babylon, heaven is summoned to rejoice: "Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her." What is an occasion of great mourning on earth is often an occasion of great rejoicing in heaven. The things that are of great value in the eyes of unregenerated men are of little value in the eyes of God, and of those who see as God sees, and vice versa.

III. The Stone Like a Millstone That Was Cast Into the Sea and What It Teaches

Verses 21-23

Study carefully Jeremiah 51:59-64. Here we are taught that Babylon will be
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How God Is Able

Evan Roberts is a man who tested a theory and proved it to be true. This is the story: Evan Roberts was a young Welsh lad who grew up in the mines of his native land. He lived in a simple hut where nature in her simpler mood spoke to him. In that little hut there was a room deeply consecrated to the melodeon where Evan and his brother Dan sang the Welsh songs from their childhood days.

That melodeon room rang with the words of prayer as Mother Roberts brought her brood to the throne of God.

In the little Welsh chapel down the road a ways a deacon arose to speak. His words were heavy for the ears of the lad Evan but on that week-day meeting they found a lodging place. Said the deacon, "If you pray and wait in a prayerful spirit, some time the Holy Spirit will come upon you." Those words stirred within Evan until he determined to seek that oncoming touch of the Spirit.

The lad, as lads do, grew to manhood; but always Evan was deeply moved by the deacon's admonition, until when about twenty-four years of age the deacon's prayer theory put Evan on his knees.

"O Lord, bend me, or break me!"

Over and over again, month by month—for eighteen long months—wintry months trailing across those of fall, to break into the spring and come again to summer—Evan's prayer ascended in those words. "O Lord, bend me or break me."

It was a short prayer, possibly the world's shortest, yet the longest made. But the deacon had said that if you pray and wait, the Spirit will come.

Finally Evan was bent by the Spirit. Let him tell the amazing experience:

"I prayed and prayed, but nothing seemed to give me any relief. But one night, after I had been in great distress about this, I went to sleep, and at one o'clock in the morning suddenly I was awakened out of my sleep, and I found unspeakable joy and awe in the presence of the Almighty God. And for the space of four hours I was privileged to speak face to face with Him as a man speaks face to face with a friend. At five o'clock it seemed to me as if I again returned to earth."

The deacon's theory became a living reality in Evan's soul!

For the space of three or four months that wonderful experience continued. "Always," testified Evan, "I enjoyed four hours of that wonderful communion with God. I felt it, and it seemed to change all my nature."

"And I knew" (the witness of divine assurance) he said, "I knew that God was going to work in the land."

The lad had felt the urge to preach, so he started off to college, but (as he feared) those wonderful four morning hours of speaking face to face with God departed, "And my heart became as stone."

Again he sought for God, and once more He returned!

And then the miracle of God bending a man to the channel of the divine will became a reality. The deacon's words were true. Evan arose to speak in a meeting and the Spirit fell. A strange miracle occurred. God spoke through the miner, and all Wales was moved. Without effort or man's endeavour meetings broke out all over the land. God had visited Wales with the glory of His might.

There was little preaching. They called Evan the boy preacher. But bearded clerics from London rushed down to witness the scenes of salvation, and went back to say, "He is neither a preacher nor a boy." And they were right. He was twenty-six years old, and he disavowed any claim to being a preacher.

He was marvelously sat upon by the Spirit, and he talked to the people who flocked to their meeting houses.

G. Campbell Morgan, then in London (1905) went to hear Evan and said, "It is of God. He is the mouthpiece of the fact that there is no human guidance as to man or organization. He speaks under the guidance of the Spirit, and he calls men to follow the guidance of the Spirit in whatever the Spirit shall say to them."

"We must obey the Spirit," Evan cried throughout the land.

Three fourths of the meetings consisted of singing. Evan had five Singing Sisters whose solos were wonders of dramatic and musical appeal, as one writer ex-

pressed it. The people prayed and sang, gave testimony or exhorted as the Spirit moved them.

"You can watch the influence of the power of the Spirit playing over the congregation as an eddying wind plays over the surface of a pond. The praying and the singing are wonderful, but more impressive than either are the breaks which occur when utterance can come no more, and the sobbing in the silence is drowned in a tempest of melody."

It was the oncoming Spirit of God, as the deacon had avowed, moving upon the land.

Business stood still. School did not keep. Mines were closed. The meeting houses were packed. Up and down the valleys, across the hills the Spirit's wooing swept until there was shouting in every home. Drunkards were reformed by a spiritual transformation.

"Let believers be as one before God . . and then the Holy Spirit," cried Evan, "will put forth his power. God's children will be filled with the Spirit, and the unconverted will be saved."

He had turned the deacon's theory into a flaming reality and the Spirit worked miracles. Whole newspapers threw out their entire copy of the news, and gave themselves over to accounts of the spiritual awakening. The telegraph companies at certain hours of the day sent revival and spiritual life messages free of charge.

It was not denomination bound, but it leaped across all creed-made lines and touched all groups. Evan had no creed save the guidance of the Spirit. God, as Evan proclaimed, led forth a mighty band of His people who were willing to bend, obedient to the Spirit.

In the first five weeks alone there were 20,000 converts who joined the churches, not counting the thousands of members whose spiritual lives were Spirit-quickened.

God was able, as Moody declared, to show what He could do with a man wholly consecrated to Him.

—Basil Miller.

Pray for your minister. You may often get a marked change in your ministry without changing your minister.

Sunday School News

MRS. BERNICE MAST, District Sunday School Representative
Morgan Hill, California

OUR CORNER

LET'S HAVE A SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY!

Yes, to start the New Year, A SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY!

Realizing that when this reaches you, 1943 will have already made its appearance, nevertheless I would suggest that you have a RALLY.

I hope by this time that you folks have taken that much needed census that we talked about in our column two months ago.

And let's hope that you used that "census taking" as a good opportunity to stir up more interest in your Sunday School for a drive for new members!

Also let's hope that as soon as the census was taken, your pastor and Sunday School staff met in a workers' meeting to go over and separate the census cards into their proper age or class groups; that they were turned over to the proper teacher of that class or age group, and that that teacher and class went to work on those prospects immediately, and, of course, that you have already been seeing results from your efforts!

Now let us add, not a consummation, to our efforts, but a valuable "mile-stone"—a RALLY!

Here are a few suggestions: It is best to give yourselves time to advertise, talk up, and pray for your New Year's Rally.

It is well to secure or make or mimeograph invitations to your Rally (a good job for your high school group or your C. A.'s). Be sure and let your invitations carry the note of enthusiasm. For example: make them in the shape of a chair or have the picture of one on your invitation, accompanied by the words, "I'm saving a place for you at our Sunday School Rally" or "You're invited to enjoy our special Rally Service, and I'm saving a place for you, etc," and signed by the one who presents the invitation.

The dictionary definition of the word, "rally" is interesting and may lend us a better insight into what its real purpose is in behalf of our Sunday Schools. It means "to reunite, reanimate, call together,

er, revive, restore, an assembling of scattered troops; a recovery." In our case? "Recover and discover!" Recover the old members, and discover new ones. Make every effort to do this very thing!

Include good spiritual songs, special numbers and readings in keeping with the theme of your program which I hope will be "Salvation, and Decisions for Christ."

Some time should be given at the first part of your program, for the welcoming of new members and introduction of the same to classes and teachers. A list of the new ones (names and addresses) should be secured at the door by a welcoming committee.

Possibly during the time of "introductions" a welcome tag could be pinned on the new ones by the teacher and class.

The climax of your rally program should be a simple illustrated message or lesson on "The Way of Salvation" and an invitation to accept Christ or renew old consecrations.

Every teacher goes into action at the call, praying with those seeking Christ, encouraging others to accept Him, making plain the way to those who do not understand. Every teacher must be able, ready, and equipped to do this work.

As an added feature to your rally, why not install the idea (if I may call it that) found in the October issue of the *Sunday School Counsellor* for keeping track of absentees and encouraging consistent attendance in Sunday School. They picture two boards in the *Counsellor*, one for the "Sheep in the Fold," the other for "The Straying Sheep." (For full information write to the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.) It is a clever idea and will no doubt bring real results.

I suggest, as you close your rally service that you present each one with an inexpensive souvenir by which to remember the service. Announce the Sunday School for the following Sunday and urge them all to be present and on time, each teacher emphasizing the invitation again before they leave the building.

A stranger attending such a rally is

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS

Are you ready for your Bible Trip this month?

I might explain that we are going to call in some Bible homes this time—so follow me....

Here is our first Bible home; you knock, and let's see who comes to the door. Oh, it's a man! He must be the man of the house. Sh...we must be quiet because someone here is sick with a fever; it's the man's wife. But wait,—some one else is here too—it's Jesus, the great Healer. This man's wife can't stay sick long with Jesus here.

In whose home are we?

"_____, _"

The second home we visit is a tent. An old man and an old woman live here. We are not the only callers these godly old people have had, for angels have called here also. The old couple are very happy because God has promised them a son. Whose home is this?

"_____, _"

This is the third home we will call at this month. Oooh! isn't this exciting? This home is on a city wall. A woman lives here who was once very wicked. Go ahead, you knock at the door! Here she is, I always wondered how she looked. Well, as we visit, she tells us that her most important visitors were two men who were spies. She hid them when the king was looking for them to kill them. After the danger was past, she let them down over the wall out of her window by a scarlet cord. Look, it's still hanging in her window. I wonder why? Why don't you ask her? I think she will tell you.

Where are we? "_____, _"

Whose home is this?

"_____, _"

We make the fourth call at the home of an old man and a little boy. I guess we won't have to knock here, because this isn't exactly a house. This is a temple. The old man is a priest, and the little boy?—well, his mother brought him here when he was quite young, and gave him to God. Someday he will be the priest,

sure to feel something worthy of his return on the following Sunday.

Yours for a New Year's Rally!

Your Sister Mast.

and maybe he will be able to help other boys. What is this boy's name?

"—————"

Let's call in one more home before we quit for this month. I'm not just sure how many live here, but I'm acquainted with at least three; a grandmother, a mother and a boy. Anyway, let's go in.

Do you see what I see? It makes a lovely picture, doesn't it? There sits the mother and grandmother teaching the boy the Word of God, and telling how to live right. Whose home are we in? Maybe you can guess if you read 2 Tim. 1:1-5 and 2 Tim. 3:15.

Every home should be like this boy's home. I hope yours is!

THE WASHING I NEED

Every day I take a bath

In my little tub,

And I must be clean, of course,

So I rub and rub.

But my mamma says I should

Be made clean inside;

For from God my naughtiness

I can never hide.

Being clean outside is nice,

Necessary, too;

But for Heaven we must be

Pure and clean all through.

Jesus' Blood will wash you white,

Whiter than the snow;

Then inside your heart He'll live

Till to Him you go.

—Selected.

THE GOOD FIGHT

If this old world would turn to God,
And all its rulers, though many there be;
There would be no wars on this earthly
sod;

And the times would different be.

But there's only one thing that will make
it change,

And that is the thing called prayer.

But that means prayer with toil and pains,
For you will find Jesus there.

So let us pray on, we faithful few,
And fight the good fight the Saviour knew;
For he had a hard fight but he won
through,

Now we have a hard fight, and we must
win too.

LEONARD COUCHMAN, 15
Oakdale, Calif.

C. B. A.

The Canyonville Bible Academy is enjoying its best season thus far since its inception a few years ago. With a fine and consecrated staff, an increased enrollment, and many new improvements on the buildings, there is every natural reason to expect a profitable year. With the inspiration to honor the name of Christ and build Christian character while young people receive their high school education, and with God's blessing on the spiritual aspect of their lives, Brother Robert Shaffer, Secretary of the Academy, is anticipating a banner year. He writes:

"It is surely a joy and an inspiration to see fortitude and nobility unfold and bloom in the lives of young people. In spite of occasional 'ups and downs' that come to all, we can see a constant growth of character and scholastic and spiritual life in these fine young people at C. B. A. The world needs thousands of just such young folk in these days of stress and peril....

"C. B. A. has been astir with activity. After school hours this fall many of our students helped the hard-pressed farmers of this community harvest a valuable prune crop which was threatened by labor shortage, and together with school work, there has been a great deal to be accomplished. Our students have entered in with a cooperative and happy spirit, and we are proud of them. We would like to have every parent and friend visit the school and see what is being done. C.B.A. is confident you will feel more than rewarded for every effort and sacrifice put forth in providing a school with environment of this type for our precious young people."

AN UNUSUAL NOISE

An officer once complained to Stonewall Jackson that some soldiers were making a noise in their tent.

"What are they doing?" asked the general.

"They are praying now, but they have been singing," was the reply.

"And is that a crime?" the general demanded.

"The article of war orders punishment for any unusual noise," was the reply.

"God forbid that praying should be an unusual noise in this camp," replied General Jackson.

GOD AND THE COCKLEBUR

After the fall of Adam and Eve, God cursed the soil and said, "Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee." Since that statement made by the creator of the universe, men have tried, but tried in vain, to destroy the thorns and thistles from the earth. Man will never be able to destroy this curse. Let us see why.

We will take the common cocklebur, known to most of our subscribers. In ever seed pod of this plant there are two seeds, and when the pod falls to the ground only one of them springs up that year. Thus the plant is sure to continue throughout the second year, even if the first year crop is a failure, for seed number two normally comes up in the second year of its life. But in case the new plant that comes from seed number one is cut down, burned or otherwise destroyed before the plant comes to seed number two springs right up into life without waiting for the second year. Who tells number two when it is time to sprout? Where is the alarm clock that goes off at the right hour without someone winding it to start this seed to coming forth?

Wouldn't it be grand if it was corn, cotton, oats or wheat that comes forth in this manner. However, we remember when we are among these thorny cockleburs, picking cotton or pulling our corn that God said, "Thorns and thistles shall it bear." Remember friend, this is one curse placed on the earth because of sin.
—Selected.

A NAZI HYMNAL

The Nazis have just produced a "National Church Hymnal" which deletes all references to Jerusalem, Zion, and anything else that might be considered Jewish, reports a contemporary. It omits such favorites as Martin Luther's Communion and Easter hymns, and adds many new hymns glorifying Nazi blood and soil doctrines. A new baptismal hymn, "Tender Child of German Blood," runs: "We baptise thee that thou may be consecrated to the service of our people in loyalty to the New Era." The religious instinct of the German people is too strong to be stamped out; it is therefore being perverted by the Nazis to the worship of nationalism.

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

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been planning to leave but we want the Lord to definitely lead as to the change. The Alameda fellowship meeting was attended, after which I left for Tulalake where six services were held. Brother E. C. Goutier, the pastor there, and also myself, were unable to get an evangelist to go so far north and he requested that I give him some services. The Lord blessed our hearts through His Word and by His Spirit. Though the weather was cold, the attendance was good and hearts were stirred as good seed was sown to bring forth eternal life and a deeper consecration. While there, Brother Goutier drove me over to Alturas as word had been received of Brother Shirley Oliver's resignation. Brother Oliver had already left but Sister Oliver and the family are still there temporarily. We are looking to the Lord for guidance as to a new pastor. Brother Oliver has done a good work but many obstacles have hindered completing his building program. However, we are hopeful that someone else can carry it on to completion this next summer.

The Burlingame Assembly was affiliated with the Council in a recent business meeting and just before *Glad Tidings* material must go to the printer the final word of my activities is of a service on Sunday afternoon at Glad Tidings Temple, just prior to Christmas, and an enjoyable evening at the Christmas program there.

Let us keep up the fellowship meetings wherever possible as long as rationing permits and, above all, don't retrench on your church work but encourage the saints through devotion and worship services whether with few or many present. Cottage prayer meetings are always in order and it would be well to have them in various sections where the folks can gather more easily.

The fellowship has been precious during 1942 as we have labored together in spite of war and the many changes involved. Surely we can praise the Lord for His power and blessing. May His presence ever be with us all and His blessings abound through us to others in the extension of His kingdom here on earth in the hearts of many more believers as we carry on unitedly in the great work He has given us to do.

Looking forward in 1943 to your fel-

G.T.B.I. ALUMNI

Sister Esther Crews, Class of '31, who returned on furlough from her work in Nicaragua a few months ago, is now engaged in evangelistic work in the Rocky Mountain District. The Lord is richly blessing her work as she carries on in spite of the poor health with which she returned from arduous years in the mission field.

Her friends will be glad to know of the whereabouts of Sister Ella Schroeder, Class of '35, who is busy for the Lord in Los Olivos, in Southern California, where, she writes, "the Lord has opened up a new field to me just a year ago. His presence and working power has been in our midst in a precious way. We are now planning a baptismal service soon, as five candidates have expressed their desire to follow the Lord. Mary Jane Lewis, Class of '35, my former co-worker, now on vacation from the Kentucky mountains, recently visited us and gave some interesting talks on her work there."

Until recent times no Greek scholar thought of understanding by *Aionios* anything but everlasting. The Revisers, men of several denominations, including even a Unitarian, render it "eternal" without even a marginal hesitation.

Those for whom the Greek *koine* was their spoken tongue understood it. Since the Jews already believed that the punishment of Gehenna is everlasting, if our Lord did not mean to endorse that belief He would have used unambiguous language to the contrary. And if *aionios* does not mean everlasting when used of punishment, it cannot do so when used of the heavenly reward: *Zoe Aionios*—"Everlasting life." Yet no one has suggested that heaven is to have an end. It was not, therefore, Popes or Reformers who read the doctrine of everlasting punishment into the Gospel, but the plain witness of the Gospel assured them that Christ had taught it.—*The Guardian*.

Some pray high and give low.

lowship and continued faithful cooperation in the work of the District and with a prayer for God's rich blessing on your ministry, I am

In His dear Name,
R. J. THURMOND,
District Superintendent.

HERE AND THERE

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ground church during the month of November. The Lord richly blessed his ministry there to all who attended with an open heart. Pastor Jack T. Opie heartily recommends Brother Contreras as a real Pentecostal preacher.

TRANQUILITY—Sister Leona Goodpasture has joined Sister Ella Brown in the work there.

TURLOCK—Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Hild of Fargo, N. D., held a very fine meeting in Bethel Temple for two weeks the latter part of November and early in December. Young people were especially helped, though all were blessed. A number of souls were saved. Allen J. Brown is the pastor.

VACAVILLE—A splendid campaign was held by Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Thomas in December. Brother and Sister Lee Constant are pastors.

WINNEMUCCA, NEVADA—Evangelist Louella Nathan is now with Sister Carolyn Slattery in the work there.

PERSONAL MENTION

WHEELER W. ANDERSON and wife arrived in Bisbee, Arizona, on December 9 to organize a church there. They solicit our prayers in their new endeavor.

WM. F. KIRKPATRICK has been active in Bethel Church of Modesto assisting in street and open air services. Brother Kirkpatrick is looking forward to holding evangelistic services in the near future.

Evangelist TED NESS is expected to begin meetings in Bethel Church of Modesto around the first of the year.

Brother JOHN NICOLICH, the Hospital Missionary, sends a report of his work. He is now on his way to the Bahama Islands. He asks an interest in the prayers of the saints.

Brother TOM MYERS, pastor at North Sacramento, was elected to be pastor of one of the Bakersfield churches.

NEW ARRIVALS

Pastor and Mrs. James A. Duguid enjoyed their first Christmas with little Beverly Rae who came November 11 to stay for the duration of childhood and youth.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Fusaro (the former Violet Robertson) are rejoicing in the arrival of little Dorothy Louise born December 5.

The itching sensation that some people mistake for ambition is merely inflammation of the wishbone.—*Mutual M.*

"Nature hath given men one tongue, but two ears, that we may hear from others twice as much as we speak."
—*Epictetus*.

STUDIES IN REVELATION

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violently, completely, and permanently overthrown. There will be no restoration of *Babylon the Great*. It will not exist as a city, and the place where it will once have stood will be a desolate waste during the millennium; it will be a reminder during that golden age to all the inhabitants of the earth of the fact that God must be honored and His will must be done, and that a failure to honor God and to do His will must issue in divine judgment.

The system represented by Babylon will cease forever. We understand, as has already been pointed out, that Babylon represents the political, commercial and ecclesiastical system of the world in its final form. These three systems which today are more or less separate, and more or less united, are out of joint. Men who are interested in these systems are doing their best to improve them. In the days of Napoleon, Abbe Sieyes, eminent French statesman, who had as much to do perhaps as any man in the exaltation of Napoleon, said, "We are creating a new era." And today in Germany, in Italy, and in Japan, there is much talk about "a new order." But "the new order" is destined to issue in "disorder," in that "confusion" that is represented by Babylon. And after Babylon shall have been destroyed and the system represented by it shall have ceased to be, God will establish "a new order" and it will be the "order" under which the world will be ruled for a thousand years. God hasten the glad day!

IV. The Conclusive Evidence in the Divine Records of the Justice of the Judgment Determined Upon Babylon

Verse 24

"And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth." Turning to Matt. 23:34-36 we see that our Lord affirmed that the generation that was then living and that was about to crucify the Son of God was to be held accountable for "all the righteous blood that had been shed upon the earth." Guilt is accumulative in its character. Men who are guilty suffer as a result of their sins; they die, they pass from the stage of action; the mountain of guilt increases in size; after awhile it reaches heaven, and judgment falls, and when the judgment falls it falls as a result of the accumulated guilt of centuries.

God's records do not lie. The Almighty

keeps books. The acts of individuals and the deeds of nations are in them recorded. Every account must be settled, and settled in full.

There can be no compromise. This is the unmistakable teaching of the Word. And, because this is true, in order that the believer, having sinned, may be justified, it was imperative that Christ come and take the sinner's place, and die in the sinner's stead, pay the penalty of sin, that the sinner might go free. No man ever has, or ever can, escape the penalty except as he rolls the burden of his guilt off upon the divine Substitute. This is why sacrifices, bloody sacrifices, were required in the days of the old dispensation and this is why Christ came, and became "a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world." God gave His Son in sacrifice "that He might be just, and the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus." So we see how imperative it is that sinners accept the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, and how impossible it is to be saved apart from such acceptance.

God is infinitely just, and, apart from Jesus Christ, there can be no remission of sins. Babylon does not believe in, and will not receive Christ, and Babylon must perish.

ESTIMATING SUCCESS

A young pastor approached Dr. Phillips Brooks and suggested that he use his influence to enable the young man to secure a pastorate in a larger, more influential parish.

"How many do you have in your congregation?" asked the bishop kindly of the minister.

"Often less than a hundred," was the reply. "Far too few, it seems to me, after all the years that I have been in the ministry."

"Yes," replied the great man. "Far too few now, perhaps; but remember, quite a few to account for on the Day of Judgment."

Many of us are like the young minister. We insist on estimating success by numbers rather than by an honest appraisal of individual worth. We forget that our Lord's most wonderful recorded messages were often sermons to but one individual. According to Jesus' estimate even one soul may mean more to God's sight than the whole world.—*Evangelical Visitor*.

ON THE AIR

KYA, San Francisco 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Sunday

Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco

2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of each month.

KLS, Oakland, 1310 kc.,
"The Voice of Faith" by J. C. Nelson

Every Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

KLS, Oakland, 4:30 p.m. Sundays
Eastbay Assembly of God hour.

KLS, Oakland, 5:00 p.m. Sundays
"Rock of Ages" program under direction of Pastor O. L. Foth, Tabernacle of God, Oakland.

KGDM, Stockton, 1130 kc., 6:00 to 6:15 a.m. Thursday

"Golden Daybreak Hour" under direction of Pastor and Mrs. Stanley McPherson, also

4:00 to 4:40 p.m. Sunday "Gospel Broadcasters"

KTRB, 9:00 a.m. Tuesday
"Glad Tidings Hour" with Pastor A. B. League of Escalon

KTRB, 9:00 a.m. Thursday, and 4:15 p.m. Sunday
Pastor H. T. Langley of Modesto Assembly of God Church.

KTRB, Modesto, 9:00 a.m. Saturday
Pastor D. G. Weston of Bethel Church, of Modesto

KSRO, Santa Rosa, 1350 kc.,
9:00 p.m. Wednesday
"Calvary's Messengers" under direction of Pastor M. P. Bohnet of Assembly of God Gospel Tabernacle, Santa Rosa.

CURRENT SIGNS

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prayer in that jungle, and the others told me later they did too."

Bible in the Penitentiary

Religious Director of San Quentin Penitentiary, Dr. McKericher, wrote:

"At present we have about 1200 men studying the Bible by correspondence courses and Bible classes. This is over 50 per cent of the Protestant inmate population. Not one paroled person who has been a Bible student has returned as a parole violator."

Midwinter Convention

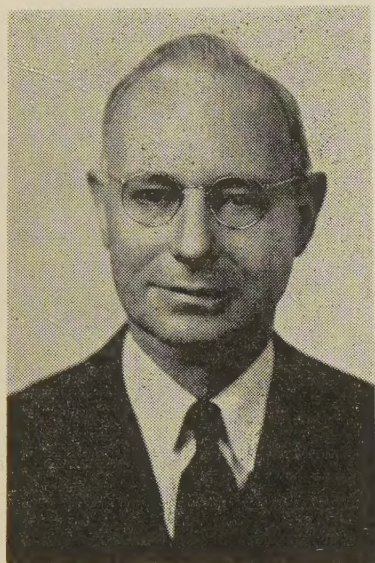
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BIG RALLY, MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 25

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REV. E. S. WILLIAMS

We feel favored indeed to have our beloved General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God with us as guest speaker. We trust all our Ministers shall be able to attend and enjoy Brother Williams' ministry.

10 A.M. MORNING SERVICES

Devotion, worship and fellowship hour. It is planned that Brother Williams will also be the morning speaker.

2:30 P.M. AFTERNOON SERVICES

Guest Speakers as well as our own brethren will minister as possible. Wednesday afternoon will be given over to the Women's Missionary Council. Thursday afternoon, the 25th, will be Foreign and Home Missionary meeting. Friday afternoon to Sunday School workers program.

7:30 P.M. EVENING SERVICES

General Superintendent Rev. E. S. Williams of Springfield, Missouri, will be the speaker of the evening throughout the Convention, except the Rally night service on Monday.

Thursday evening preliminary program will be in charge of Glad Tidings Bible Institute.

Friday evening service will be with the Christ's Ambassadors with President O. L. Foth in charge.

PASTOR LELAND R. KEYS AND MEMBERS OF GLAD TIDINGS TEMPLE EXTEND A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL

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